

**Remarks**

Claim 23 is canceled herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-22 will be pending. Applicant thanks the Examiner for notice that claims 1-22 are allowed.

**Response to Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 102**

Claim 23 has been canceled herein. Accordingly, the rejection of this claim under 35 USC § 102 is moot and Applicant requests that it be withdrawn.

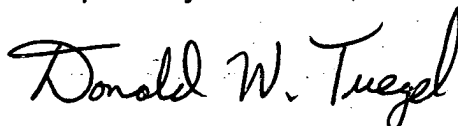
**Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicant requests consideration of two prior art references cited in a corresponding foreign application. The references were filed in the USPTO in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, mailed November 22, 2004. A copy of that Form PTO/SB/08A is attached hereto. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial and return the Supplemental IDS form indicating consideration of those references.

**Conclusion**

As it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested for claims 1-22.

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